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MEMORANDUM FOR: Asst. Director for Reports and Estimates
Asst. Director for Collection and Dissemination
Chief, Services Branch, A&E

SUBJECT: Storage of JANIS Materials

1. When this agency assumed responsibility for the JANIS program as a preliminary to developing the program for National Intelligence Surveys, approximately 350 tons of previously published JANIS material were held in dead storage by the Army Map Service. Neither in the conference minutes nor the written agreement dated 10 September 1947 is there any specific mention of responsibility for storage or disposition of this material.

2. It is understood that the Chief of the Basic Intelligence Group, ONS, has been informed by the Army that Army Map Service must have the space now occupied by this material in from three to six months from now, and that if the material is not removed it will be destroyed.

3. It is requested that the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination, in coordination with appropriate representatives of the Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates, determine:

- a. An inventory of the material in storage.
- b. What are the anticipated needs of the other intelligence services or other government activities for this material, and whether they can accept immediate dissemination to meet those needs.
- c. If there are no anticipated needs expressed by other agencies, should the material be destroyed.
- d. If there are anticipated needs but the other agencies cannot accept the material for storage at this time, what is recommended disposition.

4. It must be kept in mind that storage space in all localities is currently at a premium, and that the possibilities of obtaining additional storage space for CIA in the immediate vicinity of Washington is extremely remote. Any recommendation for acceptance of responsibility for this material for storage by CIA should include suggestions as to the most feasible localities outside Washington which should be explored for storage space for this purpose.

5. No commitment of any kind will be made in connection with the above which will actually obligate CIA to accept any responsibility for the continued storage of this material.

6. In view of the extreme difficulty involved in expanding current storage facilities, the reproduction of JANIS studies currently being developed, and of NIS, should be very carefully controlled and kept to a minimum required for immediate dissemination and anticipated needs for the reasonably near future to avoid any long range dead storage problem.

7. The Executive for A&M OR the Chief, Services Branch, A&M, should be consulted in advance of determining reproduction of excess copies in such numbers as would create a storage problem.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:


Signed


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Executive Director


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